

on which it is intended to abut the said bridge, and build a toll house, or through which it may be necessary to extend a road for the purchase thereof, and in case of disagreement, or in case the owner or owners thereof shall be a feme covert, under age, non compos, or out of the State, on application to a justice of the peace of the county in which said land may lie; the said justice shall issue his warrant under his hand and seal to the Sheriff of said county, to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants, freeholders of said county, not related to either of the parties, nor in any manner interested, to meet on the land to be valued at a day to be expressed in the warrant, not less than ten or more than twenty days after the date of said warrant; and the Sheriff, upon receiving the said warrant, shall forthwith summon the said jury, and when met, shall administer an oath or affirmation to every jurymen who shall appear, being not less than twelve in number, that he will faithfully, justly, and impartially value the land required by the company according to the best of his skill and judgment, and that in such valuation he will not spare any person for favor or affection, nor any person aggrieved for malice, hatred, or ill will, and the inquisition thereupon taken shall be signed by the Sheriff and the jury, and returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of his county, and unless good cause be shown against the said inquisition, it shall be affirmed by the Circuit Court for Washington county, but if the said inquisition should be set aside, or if from any cause no inquisition shall be returned to such court within a reasonable time, the said court may direct another inquisition to be taken in the manner above prescribed, and upon such valuation the jury is hereby directed to describe and ascertain the bounds of the land by them valued, and the nature of the estate required by the company in the same, and their valuation shall be conclusive on all persons, and shall on demand be paid for by the said President and managers to the owner or owners of the land, or his, her, or their legal representatives, and on payment, or tender of payment thereof, the said company shall be seized of such lands as of an absolute estate in perpetuity, or with such less quantity and duration of interest in the same, as shall be described as aforesaid, as if conveyed by the owner or owners to them; *Provided*, that if the said bridge shall be abutted on the land of any per-

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